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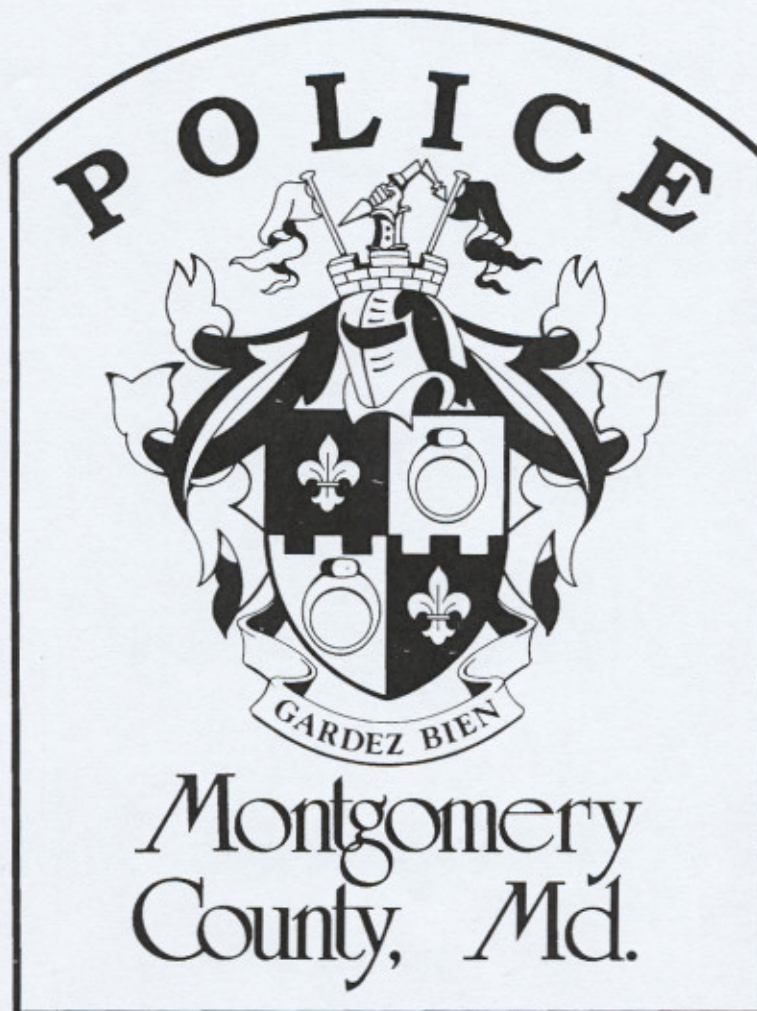
Quarterly Crime Report
1st Quarter 2006

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MCP 1st Quarter 2006 Crime Statistics

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger announced today that the crime statistics for the first quarter of 2006 show a 12.2% increase in reported crime within Montgomery County. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the first quarter of 2006 as compared to the same period of 2005 show:

- **Part I Crime increased 9.1%   (from 5,208 to 5,681)**
- **Part II Crime increased 14.0%   (from 9,408 to 10,723)**
- **Overall, Total Crime (Part I and Part II totals) increased 12.2%**
            (from 14,616 to 16,404)

Part I Crimes Increased by 9.1%:

Murder:	increased 33.3%	(from 3 to 4)
Rape:	decreased 2.9%	(from 34 to 33)
Robbery:	increased 9.8%	(from 225 to 247)
Aggravated Assault:	increased 7.8%	(from 218 to 235)
Burglary:	increased 0.8%	(from 780 to 786)
Larceny:	increased 13.1%	(from 3,351 to 3,790)
Auto Theft:	decreased 1.8%	(from 597 to 586)

Part II Crimes Increased by 14.0%:

Part II crimes are defined as minor assaults, arson, forgery-counterfeiting, bad checks, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons offenses, prostitution, sex offenses, controlled dangerous substance (CDS) violations, gambling, family offenses, juvenile offenses, liquor law violations, disorderly conduct, suicide, and non-traffic offenses.

An analysis of the data shows that the percentage for the increase in Part I crimes was inflated due to the very small number of homicides (from 3 to 4). When the number of reported crimes is small, the percentage increase statistically computes larger. There was a 13.1% increase in larcenies that include shoplifting, vehicle-related thefts, and thefts from buildings. The categories that showed the greatest increase were vehicle-related thefts and thefts from buildings. Crimes against persons increased 6.7% and crimes against property increased 9.2%.

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Fire Marshals arrested the two youth responsible for them in May. Also during this quarter there were an additional 8 arsons of stolen vehicles.

Montgomery County Police Chief J. Thomas Manger said, "We are closely watching these increases. We have been reacting to the increase in robberies since last year by concentrating additional patrols in the areas that have been most affected. We can reduce a 13% increase in larcenies with the public's help. Many of the thefts from vehicles can be prevented by drivers consistently locking cars and keeping their personal items in vehicles out of sight. We are carefully monitoring the reports of all the criminal activity in the county, and are employing strategies to target those crimes through prevention, investigation, and arrests."

Chief Manger will be speaking about these crime trends and about crime prevention at the Tuesday, June 13, meeting of the Citizen Academy. His topics will include: the newly created Police-Community Action Team (P-CAT) program which allows for quick response to a spike in criminal activity in any neighborhood throughout the county, the creation of a Centralized Gang Unit, and the expansion of the Robbery Section. In addition, beginning July 1, 2006, in the FY07 budget, additional officers have been approved by the County Executive and County Council to complete the Silver Spring and Wheaton Safety Plans. These programs and staffing increases were part of Chief Manger's Five-Year Staffing Plan that was presented in the fall of 2004 and was approved by County Executive Douglas M. Duncan.

Chief Manger will be available to the media at 6:45 p.m. at the Public Safety Training Academy – 9710 Great Seneca Highway in Rockville. The Citizen Academy program meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Note: A copy of these crime statistics, as well as, those from previous years are available at the Montgomery County Police website under the Crime Stats link on the Media Services/Press Release page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/police. Or a copy can be picked up at the Montgomery County Police Headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, MD.

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Montgomery County, Maryland

CRIME

FIRST QUARTER

Crime*	2006	2005	Percent Difference
Murder	4	3	33.3%
Rape	33	34	-2.9%
Robbery Total	247	225	9.8%
o Commercial	(34)	(52)	
o Non - Commercial	(213)	(173)	
Aggravated Assault	235	218	7.8%
Burglary - Total	786	780	0.8%
o Residential	(542)	(560)	
o Commercial	(225)	(211)	
o Schools	(19)	(9)	
Larceny	3,790	3,351	13.1%
Auto Theft	586	597	-1.8%
Part I - Total	5,681	5,208	9.1%
Part II - Total	10,723	9,408	14.0%
TOTAL CRIME	16,404	14,616	12.2%

* The seven felony crimes listed are commonly referred to as "Part I" crimes, and all other police jurisdictions

report these statistics to FBI for their Uniform Crime Report. All other crimes are called Part II.

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MONTHLY CRIME

2006 - 2005

JANUARY

Crime	2006	2005	Percent Difference
Murder	1	1	0.0%
Rape	7	13	-46.2%
Robbery	100	74	35.1%
Aggravated Assault	86	73	17.8%
Burglary	300	286	4.9%
Larceny	1,334	1,080	23.5%
Auto Theft	239	210	13.8%
Part I	2,067	1,737	19.0%
TOTAL CRIME	5,790	4,805	20.5%

FEBRUARY

Crime	2006	2005	Percent Difference
Murder	0	0	0.0%
Rape	11	8	37.5%
Robbery	68	60	13.3%
Aggravated Assault	81	60	35.0%
Burglary	230	239	-3.8%
Larceny	1,105	1,042	6.0%
Auto Theft	159	181	-12.2%
Part I	1,654	1,590	4.0%
TOTAL CRIME	4,815	4,413	9.1%

MARCH

Crime	2006	2005	Percent Difference
Murder	3	2	50.0%
Rape	15	13	15.4%
Robbery	79	91	-13.2%
Aggravated Assault	68	85	-20.0%
Burglary	256	255	0.4%
Larceny	1,351	1,229	9.9%
Auto Theft	188	206	-8.7%
Part I	1,960	1,881	4.2%
TOTAL CRIME	5,799	5,398	7.4%

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Clearance Rates

Montgomery County, Maryland

FIRST QUARTER

JAN. - MAR. 2006

CRIME	Total	Cleared	Percent of Clearance
Murder	4	2	50.0%
Rape	33	22	66.7%
Robbery	247	90	36.4%
Aggravated Assault	235	146	62.1%
Burglary	786	232	29.5%
Larceny	3,790	687	18.1%
Stolen Auto	586	77	13.1%
Total Part I	5,681	1,256	22.1%
Total Crime	16,404	4,486	27.3%

Department of Police   ARRESTS
Montgomery County , Maryland

FIRST QUARTER   JAN. - MAR. 2006 - 2005

CRIME	2006	2005	Percent Difference
Murder	4	5	-20.0%
Rape	17	14	21.4%
Robbery	86	95	-9.5%
Aggravated Assault	142	101	40.6%
Burglary	186	126	47.6%
Larceny	544	455	19.6%
Auto Theft	104	115	-9.6%
Part I ARRESTS	1,083	911	18.9%
Part II ARRESTS	2,366	2,070	14.3%
TOTAL ARRESTS	3,449	2,981	15.7%

Montgomery County Maryland
Department of Police Monthly Report

Comparison Study of Offenses
January 1 - March 31, 2006 - 2005

	2006 Monthly	2005 Monthly	% Change	2006 Year To Date	2005 Year To Date	% Change
Murder	3	2	50.0%	4	3	33.3%
Forcible Rape	15	13	15.4%	33	34	-2.9%
Stranger	(5)	(8)		(9)	(11)	
Known	(10)	(5)		(24)	(23)	
Robbery	79	91	-13.2%	247	225	9.8%
Commercial	(12)	(19)		(34)	(52)	
Non - Commercial	(67)	(72)		(213)	(173)	
Aggravated Assault	68	85	-20.0%	235	218	7.8%
Burglary	256	255	0.4%	786	780	0.8%
Residence	(189)	(188)		(542)	(560)	
Commercial	(61)	(64)		(225)	(211)	
School	(6)	(3)		(19)	(9)	
Larceny	1,351	1,229	9.9%	3,790	3,351	13.1%
Shoplifting	(240)	(199)		(668)	(577)	
Veh Related Theft	(574)	(560)		(1,650)	(1,521)	
From Buildings	(344)	(325)		(977)	(850)	
All Other Larcenies	(193)	(145)		(495)	(403)	
Auto Theft	188	206	-8.7%	586	597	-1.8%
Part I Total	1,960	1,881	4.2%	5,681	5,208	9.1%
*Crime Against Persons	86	100	-14.0%	272	255	6.7%
*Crime Against Property	1,874	1,781	5.2%	5,409	4,953	9.2%
Minor Assaults	454	379	19.8%	1,327	1,131	17.3%
Arson	21	20	5.0%	67	41	63.4%
Vandalism	509	573	-11.2%	1,608	1,389	15.8%
Weapons	63	47	34.0%	174	134	29.9%
Narcotic Drug Laws	357	353	1.1%	1,002	858	16.8%
Sale/Manufacture	(50)	(45)		(143)	(114)	
Possession/Use	(307)	(308)		(859)	(744)	
Family Offense	33	38	-13.2%	101	91	11.0%
Juvenile Offense	152	174	-12.6%	456	499	-8.6%
Disorderly Conduct	1,198	1,008	18.8%	3,048	2,690	13.3%
All Other Part II Offenses	1,052	925	13.7%	2,940	2,575	14.2%
Part II Total	3,839	3,517	9.2%	10,723	9,408	14.0%
TOTAL CRIME	5,799	5,398	7.4%	16,404	14,616	12.2%
Assaults on Police Officer	44	29	51.7%	144	95	51.6%

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

CRIME
BY DISTRICT

1st Quarter

January 1 - March 31, 2006 - 2005

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%	2	1	100.0%	0	0	0.0%	1	0	N/C
Rape	6	5	20.0%	3	4	-25.0%	5	8	-37.5%	2	5	-60.0%	6	4	50.0%	11	8	37.5%
Robbery	22	24	-8.3%	18	23	-21.7%	78	61	27.9%	50	51	-2.0%	39	25	56.0%	40	41	-2.4%
Agg. Assault	20	35	-42.9%	30	21	42.9%	55	55	0.0%	52	41	26.8%	27	24	12.5%	51	42	21.4%
Burglary	140	127	10.2%	100	100	0.0%	186	168	10.7%	133	159	-16.4%	99	92	7.6%	128	134	-4.5%
Larceny	540	495	9.1%	689	539	27.8%	743	637	16.6%	666	560	18.9%	446	439	1.6%	706	681	3.7%
Auto Theft	87	86	1.2%	70	57	22.8%	187	219	-14.6%	127	98	29.6%	44	45	-2.2%	71	92	-22.8%
Part I	815	772	5.6%	910	745	22.1%	1,255	1,149	9.2%	1,032	915	12.8%	661	629	5.1%	1,008	998	1.0%
Part II	1,704	1,730	-1.5%	1,076	986	9.1%	2,474	2,006	23.3%	2,065	1,767	16.9%	1,258	1,059	18.8%	2,146	1,860	15.4%
Total Crime	2,519	2,502	0.7%	1,986	1,731	14.7%	3,729	3,155	18.2%	3,097	2,682	15.5%	1,919	1,688	13.7%	3,154	2,858	10.4%

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ARRESTS
BY DISTRICT

1st Quarter

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	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%	2006	2005	%
Murder	3	2	50.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	2	-100.0%	1	0	N/C	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Rape	5	5	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	4	2	100.0%	3	3	0.0%	0	3	-100.0%	5	1	400.0%
Robbery	14	11	27.3%	8	2	300.0%	21	26	-19.2%	25	25	0.0%	7	12	-41.7%	11	19	-42.1%
Agg. Assault	15	20	-25.0%	8	10	-20.0%	36	22	63.6%	45	25	80.0%	14	8	75.0%	24	16	50.0%
Burglary	36	25	44.0%	7	9	-22.2%	57	20	185.0%	30	33	-9.1%	33	21	57.1%	23	18	27.8%
Larceny	120	105	14.3%	65	74	-12.2%	94	68	38.2%	102	67	52.2%	52	58	-10.3%	111	83	33.7%
Auto Theft	12	20	-40.0%	14	6	133.3%	36	40	-10.0%	13	22	-40.9%	9	9	0.0%	20	18	11.1%
Part I	205	188	9.0%	102	102	0.0%	248	180	37.8%	219	175	25.1%	115	111	3.6%	194	155	25.2%
Part II	731	673	8.6%	132	151	-12.6%	509	429	18.6%	354	267	32.6%	223	198	12.6%	417	352	18.5%
Total Crime	936	861	8.7%	234	253	-7.5%	757	609	24.3%	573	442	29.6%	338	309	9.4%	611	507	20.5%

* Please note the elevated numbers are a result of Warrant /Fugitive sections arrest by appointment at Rockville Station.

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